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base. It will also be the first deployment to the Arctic by 50th IRAA Kalinin Tu-16's.

The purpose of this scheduled activity is not known, but it is believed to be associated with possible forthcoming Northern Fleet naval activity in the western Arctic (see related item this Roundup). From 1 to 12 August 1960, at least six L1102 (Minsk/Machulishche) Tu-16's were deployed to Olenya for probable participation in exercises with Northern Fleet naval surface units. That joint IRA/naval activity took place in the western Arctic at that time is suggested by (1) activity by these IRA Tu-16's under both IRA and naval controllers, (2) their use of other than IRA procedures, and (3) their flight over an unidentified target, possibly overwater (Roundups 60-155-05 and 162-02). During their 12-day stay at Olenya, they completed five round-robins into the western Arctic. Logistic support for their operations appeared to have been furnished by one (possibly two) Minsk transports. Similarly, the recent IRA transport schedules may have been in support of the proposed movement of IRA bombers to Olenya. Additionally, the schedule to Severomorsk suggests the combined nature of the forthcoming operations.

The history of IRA support to naval operations dates to July 1954 when 43d IRAA Belaya Tserkov Tu-4's/Bull (Division L023, inactivated) deployed to naval bases in the Crimea and conducted bombing exercises against seaborne targets (USA 754, 3/I/RUL/R9-61).

The unit subordination of the four probable Northwest IRAA aircraft that possibly flew to Olenya on 3 July is unknown. If they are IRA Tu-16's, they may be from the Kalinin or Soltsy units.

